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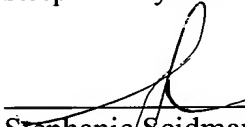
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final and Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed August 22, 2005, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed March 8, 2006, and a return postcard for filing in connection with the above-captioned patent application. No fee is believed to be due. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 for the appropriate fee as stated below. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.



The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time and any other fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed August 22, 2005, and to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed March 8, 2006 entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment either places the application into condition for allowance or reduces the number of issues for appeal. In this instance, rejected Claims 17, 31 and 33 are cancelled, and allowed Claim 39 is rewritten as an independent claim incorporating the limitations of the base claim from which it depends. Therefore, all pending claims have been indicated to be allowable. A Notice of Appeal was previously filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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